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**Title  
UPDATED CAMPAIGNS FOR THE IRAQ CAMPAIGN MEDAL AND THE  
AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL**

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A. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE 1348.33-M, MANUAL OF MILITARY DECORATIONS AND AWARDS, DATED 23 NOVEMBER 2010.

B. ARMY REGULATION (AR) 600-8-22, MILITARY AWARDS, 11 DECEMBER 2006.

C. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MEMORANDUM, SUBJECT: NEW CAMPAIGN PHASE FOR THE AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL, DATED 26 OCTOBER 2011.

1. THIS MESSAGE WILL EXPIRE IN TWO YEARS AND THESE CHANGES WILL BE INCORPORATED IN THE NEXT REVISION OF AR 600-8-22.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ANNOUNCE THAT ON 26 OCTOBER 2011, THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAS ESTABLISHED A NEW CAMPAIGN FOR THE AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL (ACM). THE NEW CAMPAIGN FOR THE ACM IS "TRANSITION I".

3. THE CAMPAIGNS FOR IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. **IRAQ CAMPAIGN MEDAL.**

CAMPAIGN	DATE
LIBERATION OF IRAQ	19 MARCH 2003 - 1 MAY 2003
TRANSITION OF IRAQ	2 MAY 2003 - 28 JUNE 2004
IRAQI GOVERNANCE	29 JUNE 2004 - 15 DECEMBER 2005
NATIONAL RESOLUTION	16 DECEMBER 2005 - 9 JANUARY 2007
IRAQI SURGE	10 JANUARY 2007 - 31 DECEMBER 2008
IRAQI SOVEREIGNTY	1 JANUARY 2009 - 31 AUGUST 2010
NEW DAWN	1 SEPTEMBER 2010 - TO A DATE TO BE DETERMINED

B. **AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL.**

CAMPAIGN	DATE
LIBERATION OF AFGHANISTAN	11 SEPTEMBER 2001 - 30 NOVEMBER 2001
CONSOLIDATION I	1 DECEMBER 2001 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2006
CONSOLIDATION II	1 OCTOBER 2006 - 30 NOVEMBER 2009
CONSOLIDATION III	1 DECEMBER 2009 - 30 JUNE 2011
TRANSITION I	1 JULY 2011 - TO A DATE TO BE DETERMINED

4. ONE BRONZE SERVICE STAR SHALL BE WORN ON THE SUSPENSION AND CAMPAIGN RIBBON OF THE IRAQ CAMPAIGN MEDAL (ICM) OR ACM FOR ONE OR MORE DAYS OF PARTICIPATION IN EACH DESIGNATED CAMPAIGN. SHOULD THE SOLDIER'S INITIAL INCLUSIVE PERIOD OF DEPLOYMENT OVERLAP ONE OR MORE OF THE APPROVED CAMPAIGN PHASES, THE SOLDIER IS CREDITED FOR PARTICIPATION IN EACH APPLICABLE PHASE AND WILL BE ENTITLED TO THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF BRONZE SERVICE STARS.

5. SOLDIERS MUST MEET ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA OUTLINED IN REFERENCE B.

6. SOLDIERS QUALIFIED FOR THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL (GWOTEM) BY REASON OF SERVICE BETWEEN 19 MARCH 2003 AND 30 APRIL 2005, IN AFGHANISTAN OR IRAQ FOR WHICH THE ACM OR ICM WAS SUBSEQUENTLY AUTHORIZED, SHALL REMAIN QUALIFIED FOR THAT MEDAL. UPON APPLICATION, ANY SUCH SOLDIER MAY BE AWARDED THE ACM OR ICM IN LIEU OF THE GWOTEM FOR SUCH SERVICE. NO SOLDIER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO BOTH MEDALS FOR THE SAME PERIOD. SOLDIERS ARE NO LONGER QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE THE GWOTEM AFTER 30 APRIL 2005 FOR SERVICE IN IRAQ OR AFGHANISTAN.

7. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE: IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE B, THE ACM SHALL BE WORN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE KOSOVO CAMPAIGN MEDAL (KCM) AND BEFORE THE ICM. THE ICM SHALL BE WORN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ACM AND FOLLOWED BY THE GWOTEM. EXAMPLE IS AS FOLLOWS: KCM, ACM, ICM, GWOTEM.

8. FOR CLARIFICATION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED, CONTACT THE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS BRANCH AT [HRC.TAGD.AWARDS@CONUS.ARMY.MIL](mailto:HRC.TAGD.AWARDS@CONUS.ARMY.MIL) OR VISIT THE HRC WEBSITE AT [HTTPS://WWW.HRC.ARMY.MIL/SITE/ACTIVE/TAGD/AWARDS/INDEX.HTM](https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/tagd/awards/index.htm).